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**MISCELLANEOUS COLONIAL DOCUMENTS.†**

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**FROM THE ORIGINALS IN THE VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES.**

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(CONTINUED.)

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[PETITION IN REGARD TO STOLEN TOBACCO\*.]

To the hon'e the Speaker & House of Burgesses.

The Petition of Simon Miller & Robert Rennolds Inspect'rs of Tobacco at Layton's Warehouses in Essex County.

Humbly sheweth that the said Warehouses, altho, secured by good and sufficient Locks, were broke open in the years 1771 & 1772, and that 2 hhds of crop Tob'o passed to Francis Waring & James Clark, as per Dates, Marks, Numbers & Weights below, were Stolen and carried away: That your Petitioners obtained Search warrants, & took every legal and probable step to recover the same, but failing therein, were obliged to Pay the holders of the Notes for said Tobacco. Your Petit'rs beg leave to refer to the several Affidavits & Receipts hereto annexed in support of their Allegations, and hope, from the known Justice of this honorable house, to be reimbursed their loss, and they will pray &c.

1771. June 3d. F W No. 5. 1306. 115. 1191. Passed to Francis Waring.

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† Though the papers contained in this instalment were found in bundles of miscellaneous papers, they are properly legislative, as they are petitions or reports made to the General Assembly and acted on by that body.

\* When tobacco was deposited in the public werehouses the government became responsible for all losses from theft, fire or water. Several of the papers in this instalment show the methods used to ascertain the amount of tobacco lost. Some of these losses were due to the great freshet of 1771, which probably did more damage than any other in the history of Virginia.

1772. Mar. 30. I C 105. 1073. 79. 994. Passed to James Clark.

[Endorsed] Petition Inspectors at Layton's.

All'd for 1 hhd Tob'o 994 net a 2d.  
for the other £11. 18. 2½.

[Enclosure]

Essex s. c. The Deposition of Daniel Thomas taken at the request of Simon Miller and Robert Rennolds Gent Inspectors, at Lawton's Warehouses in Essex County.

The Dep't on oath, saith that he has delivered to hand from the said warehouse for the s'd Inspectors, when they are at the upper inspection, ever since the beginning of the year 1771; That the Houses have constantly been well secured with good Locks & otherwise, & that notwithstanding, they were broke open in the s'd year of 1771 & 1772, and he is fully satisfied that both the Hogsheads tob'o mentioned in the petition of s'd Miller & Rennolds were stolen—the Cask passed to Jas. Clark, with his Mark, No & W't., compared w'th the Book, was found Empty, floating in the River.

Sw'n to May 11th, 1774

before me

Daniel Thomas.

C. Boughan

[Enclosure]

Essex s c. The Dep'n of John Lee taken at the request of Simon Miller and Robert Rennolds Gent: Inspectors of Tobacco at Laytons.

The Dep't, on oath, declares that some time ago, He thinks in the year 1772, He was called on by Daniel Thomas to Look at a Door of one of the said warehouses which he said had been broken open; That it appeared to this dep't that it had been so broken; that it seemed to have been well

secured with a Lock, and he believes the s'd warehouses are generally so kept.

Sworn to may 11th 1774.

before me

John Lee.

C. Boughan.

[Endorsed] reasonable, recommitted, rejected May 26th.

[Enclosure]

Rec'd May 11th, 1774 of Messrs. Simon Miller and Robert Rennolds Eleven pounds Eighteen shillings & two pence half penny it being for 1191 lbs tob'o, said to be lost out of Layton's Warehouse, belonging to our Dec'd fathers Estate, at the rate of 20 per Ct. in the year 1771.

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Tho's & William Waring.

John Lee

[Endorsed] Inspectors at Layton's-petition to be re-im-bursed money paid for stolen tobacco. 18th May 1774. referred to the committee of public claims. Allowed.

Rec'd of Messrs. Rennolds & Miller, a hh'd of Tobacco 994 net in lieu of a hh'd of Same Weight missing out of their house in 1772.

All'd at 2d p. lb.

James Dunlap.

May 1773.

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[PETITION IN REGARD TO TOBACCO].

To the Hon'ble the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses

The Petition of Moses Swinny of Amherst County. Humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner had a Hhd of Tob'o lodged, the 22d Day of May 1771, either in Shoccoe's or Byrd's Warehouses by a Person who he had imployed to Waggon it thither, but before your Petitioner could get it inspected it was carried off by the Fresh and he never has received any Satisfaction

for the same: he therefore prays the Consideration of this House and such Allowance for the same as they shall think reasonable.

And he shall pray &c.

[Endorsed]

Swinny, Moses, petition of, to be allowed for a hogshead of tobacco carried away by the fresh in May 1771.

19 May, 1774—referred to the committee of public claims Mr. Cabell to search Com'rs Books for this Tob'o Allowed £9.

[Enclosure]

Henrico to Wit. John Hodges this day made Oath before me one of his Majesties Justices for the said County that he Waggin'd a hh'd of Tob'o belonging to Moses Swinny from Westham, to Either Shockoe or Byrd's Warehouse's on the 22d day of May 1771.

Given under my hand this 12th day of May 1774.

Turner Southall.

[Enclosure]

We hereby Certify that Moses Swiney had no Tobacco Inspected at Shockoe Warehouse in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy one. Given under our hands this 11th day of May 1774.

Price & Southall, Insp'rs.

[Enclosure]

This is to Certify that Moses Swiney had no Tobacco Inspected at Byrds Ware House in the year 1771 the year the Grate fresh.

Given under our Hands this 11 of May 1774.

Sam'l & R. Price, Inspectors,  
at Byrd's W. House.

[PETITION OF SAMUEL POE,\* SOLDIER IN FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR].

To The Hon'ble The Speaker and Burgesses of Virginia.  
Samuel Poe

Most Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner being a Soldier in the Virginia Regiment and in the Battle and defeat of general Braddock, received a wound that has ever since been a great hinderence and trouble to him in getting a Subsistance. Therefore prays redress from this Hon'ble House as they in their Wisdom & Justice shall think his Sufferings & Service to his Country intitile him to, and he as in duty bound shall every Pray

Sam'l Poe.

May 1774.

[Endorsed]

Poe, Samuel, a soldier, petition for relief. 23 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims. reasonable. £20. present. £5. p Annum for Life.

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[PETITION OF PHILIP BARBER.†]

To The honorable The Speaker and House of Burgesses.

The Petition of Philip Barber.

Humbly sheweth.

That he was employed by General Bouquet in the year 1764, as an Express from him, then in the Indian Country, to Governor Fauquier, and in that Service lost a Horse of considerable value, and having been most of his time since out of this Colony, he hath had no opportunity of making Application to this House for satisfaction for the Horse so lost.

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\* Samuel Poe was probably a brother of Adam and Andrew Poe, two famous Indian fighters of the Revolutionary period.

† No doubt one of the Philip Barbours, sons of James and Ambrose Barbour.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that he may now be allowed the value of the said Horse.

And he shall pray &c

[Endorsed]

Barber, Philip, petition to be allowed for a horse. 20 May 1774, referred to the committee of public claims.  
rejected. no public Charge.

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[PETITION OF JANE FRASER].

To the Honble the Speaker & House of Burgesses.

The Petition of Jane Fraser widow & administratrix of John Fraser, formerly of the Province of Pensylvania, humbly sheweth.

That your Pet'r's said husband had been concerned for many years in a trade with the Indians on the River Ohio, where he was in the Month of June 1754, when he received Intelligence that hostilities were Commenced or likely to take place, between this Colony & the said Indians, and thought it prudent to retire from that Country with his effect: He accordingly set off with his goods carr'd by Sev'l Horses to Return to Pensylvania, & on his way, met with this Colony Troops under the command of George Washington Esq'r. at the place called Fort Necessity, or the Great Meadows: where Col'o Washington, expecting an Attack from the Enemy, pressed the s'd John Fraser's horses to be emploid in bringing some stores and a partie of men from Mr. Christopher Gist's, & also in bringing amunition & Provisions from Col'o Cresup's to the s'd Meadows for Protection of the Forces; in consequence of which the s'd John Fraser was detained at the Meadows, until the Battle happened at that place & the Virg'a Troops Capitulated, when all the s'd John Fraser's goods were taken and Plundered by the Enemy (A particular Account of which taken the day before the s'd Engagem't amounting to £2252.4, is hereto annexed) and were totally lost to him.

That the s'd John Fraser soon after Came to the City of W'msburg to Petition for a Recompence for his said losses, the event of which y'r Pet'r is wholly unacquainted with except that he declared on his return that he was offered a moietie of his loss, .....nothing was done.

That the said John Fraser being of a dilatory disposition, never concerned himself further in the s'd Claim during his life; Nor should y'r pet'r have undertaken this long and fatiguring Journey, or troubled this Hon'ble House on the Subject, but that she hath been lately called on by two Merch'ts in Philadelphia for about seven hundred & fifty pounds, now due for the Purchase of part of the s'd goods, w'ch she cannot discharge, without the total ruin of herself & seven young children.

Y'r Pet'r, impelled by this Necessity, humbly submits the Claim afores'd to the Consideration of the House, and prays such recompence for the loss sustained by the s'd John Fraser, in the Public service, as their Justice shall suggest.

And she will pray &c

[Endorsed]

Mrs. Fraser's Pet'n 25 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims.

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[PETITION OF ARTHUR DENT, SOLDIER IN THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR].

To The Hon'ble The Speaker and House of Burgesses.

The Petition of Arthur Dent. Humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner served as a Private soldier in the Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col'o Washington upwards of seven years; that whilst he was in his Majesties service he received three Different wounds which has disabled him in such a Manner as to render him Incapable of supporting himself, and that he is at this time Destitute of the Common Necessary's of Life.



Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays the Consideration of the House, and he will Pray &c.

[Endorsed]

Dent, Arthur, a wounded soldier, petition for relief, 11 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims reasonable. Allowed £25 present Relief and £5 p Annum during Life. reported.

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[PETITION IN REGARD TO AN OUTLAWED NEGRO\*].

To the Hon'e Mr. Speaker & Gent'n of the house of Burgesses.

the Petition of Thomas Patterson of Buckingham County, Humbly sheweth, that on the 18th day of May 1773, he had a Negro man Slave named Tom outlawed agreeable to Law and due Publication made of the same and after which he the said Negro Fellow was found Shott as supposed by himself to prevent being taken, he having before his runing away Committed a Murder on a white Woman upon which he absconded carring with him two of your Petitioners Guns. Your Petitioner therefore Prays such relief as you in your Wisdom shall think just and shall ever pray &c.

[Endorsed]

Thos. Patterson's Petition ref'd to Claims, May 12th, 1774. reasonable. report specially. reported 13th May, '74.

[Enclosure]

Buckingham, s. c. By John Nicholas and Charles May, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County; One of them being of quoram.

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\* When a negro was condemned to death for some offence under the law, his value was duly ascertained and paid to the owner by resolution of Assembly. Legal outlawry was no doubt considered equivalent to a death sentence.

An example of the process of valuation in case of murder or felony (when the punishment was death), is given in the next paper, and in the second succeeding is an example of a crime, poisoning, frequent among the negroes.

## A Proclamation.

Whereas We are Credibly informed that One Negro Man slave Named Tom belonging to Thomas Patteson of the said County, Planter, after the Murdering of Glin re viea Fitzgarrauld the Ninth day of this present Month at Night, Runn-away and took with him his said Masters Arms & ammunition, and is now lying Out hid, lurking, and doing Mischief within this County:

Therefore, in his Majesty's Name, We hereby require the said slave forthwith to surrender himself, Or to return home to his said Master: And We also require the sheriff of the County aforesaid to make diligent search, and to apprehend the said slave and carry before some Magistrate of this County to be examined touching the said Murder and Felony: And the said sheriff is hereby empowered to raise and take with him such power of this County as he shall think fit and Necessary for the effectual apprehending the said Outlying Slave: And We further declare if the said Slave shall not surrender himself or return immediately after due Publication of these presents, That then any Person whatsoever may lawfully kill and distroy him without being liable to any Penalty for so doing. And hereof all persons are required to take due notice.

Given under Our Hands & Seals this 18th Day of May, 1773.

God save the King

John Nicholas (L. S.)  
Chas. May (Seal).

[On other side of sheet].

Buckingham co. to wit

I do hereby certify that the within proclamation was publish'd at the several churches in this county according to law—given under my hand this eleventh day of April 1774.

Wm. Peaseley, Rector  
of Tillotson Parish.

The Publick to Thomas Patteson Dr.

To the within negro who was outlawed & found dead (adjudged by the Jury that he was the cause of his own death).  
£85.0.0. E E p

Thomas Patteson.

At a Court held at the Courthouse of Buckingham County the 18th Day of April 1774. For Proof of Public Claims & for receiving & Certifying Propositions & Grievances.

The above Account was presented in Court & proved according to law which was Ordered to be Certified to the next General Assembly (This Court being of opinion that the said Negro was of the value of Eighty five Pounds.

Teste Rolfe Eldridge C'l. Cou'r.

[Endorsed]

Patteson to The Public. Acc'o. £85. 0. 0.

Buckingham County,

I do hereby Certify that on the 10th day of May last I was called upon to take an Inquest on the Body of a woman of the name of ..... Fitchgarrauld whereupon I issued a warrant to the Constable of the County aforesaid to sum'n Twenty four freeholders, & on their appearing at Thos. Patteson's in the County aforesaid a Jury was charged & on the examination of Severall Witnesses Touching the said Murder'd it appeared to the said Jury that the said Fitchgarrauld came by her death by Receiving a Mortal wound from the hands of Tom a Negro man slave the property of the said Thos. Patteson & that the said Negro Tom was then fled for it. Certify'd from under my hand this 14th day of April 1774.

Chas. Patteson, Coroner.

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[VALUATION OF A NEGRO CONDEMNED FOR MURDER].

At a Court held for the Proof of Publick Claims and for the receiving and Certifying Propositions and Grievances, for Middlesex County at the Court House in Urbanna on Saturday the 27th Day of February 1773.

The Claim of Gawin Corbin Esq'r, for Eighty five pounds the value of a Negro Slave Named Lewis belonging to the said Gawin Corbin who was tried and Condemned for Murder at a Court of Oyer & Terminer held for the said County of Middlesex on the Sixteenth Day of May 1772, and Executed pursuant to the said Condemnation on the Twentieth Day of the said Month of May, And it appearing to this Court by the Record of the same that the said Slave was at the Time of his condemnation Valued to Eighty five pounds. It is ordered to be certified to the next General Assembly.

Copy Test Will Churchill, C. M. C.

[Endorsed]

Corbins Lewis £85....Ent'd.

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[Following this paper are a number of others assessing the value of various negroes who had been condemned to death by the courts. Among the county clerks who certify court-records are Mordecai Debnam, Charles City, 1772; P. Pelham, Jr., Brunswick, 1773; Charles Holden, Accomac, 1773; Samuel Boush, Norfolk Co., 1772; John Graham, Prince William, 1772; A. Claiborne, Sussex, 1772.]

[SENTENCE OF A NEGRO FOR POISONING].

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held for Brunswick County on Monday the third day of June 1772 for the Tryal of Juday a Negro Woman Slave belonging to Nathaniel Harrison, Esq'r of Prince George County on suspicion of her Feloniously administring Poisonous Medicines with intention to destroy the Family of Lews Scarbrough of the s'd County of Brunswick.

The said Juday being Led to the Bar in Custody of the Sheriff of this County and it being Demanded of her whether she was Guilty of the Felony aforesaid or not she said she was in no wise Guilty thereof. Whereupon divers witnesses

were Sworn & examined against her & she heard in her Own Defence. On consideration whereof It is the Opinion of the Court that the said Juday is Guilty of the Felony afore-said whereof she stands charged. Therefore It is Ordered that she be hanged by the Neck until she be dead, and that the Sheriff of this County Cause Execution thereof to be done on Fryday the twenty-sixth day of this Instant.

The Court valued the said Juday to fifty pounds Current Money of Virginia—— & she was accordingly Executed.

Copy Teste

Francis Young, D. C. B. C.

[Endorsed]

Nat'l Harrison's Cer't of an Executed Slave.

Harrison's Judith £50.— Ent'd.

[This paper is followed by seven other valuations of negroes condemned to death in 1773 and 1774].

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[PETITION OF JOHN CLARK, SOLDIER IN FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR].

To The Hon'ble The Speaker and Burgesses of Virginia.  
John Clark

Most Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner being a soldier in the Virginia Regiment and being in a party on Command headed by Lt. King, received a wound in a Skirmish which happen with the Indians at Evits Creek near Fort Cumberland, which wound has been very hurtful to him and now grown old he submits his case to the generous goodness & Justice of this Hon'ble House of representatives & shall every Pray.

Fincastle.

John Clark.  
May, 1774.

[Endorsed]

Clark, John, a soldier-petition for relief 23 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims. reasonable £10 present. £5 p. Ann. for Life.

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[BERMUDA HUNDRED WAREHOUSE ROBBED].

To the honorable the Speaker & House of Burgesses.

Jno. Knibb, Inspector of Tobacco at Bermuda Hundred  
Humbly sheweth.

That in the year 1770 & 1771 the Warehouses at that place were broke open & robbed of 836 lb. for w'ch the petitioner was obliged to pay the Sum of £7.17 & for w'ch he has never received any Satisfaction.

The petitioner prays that the same may be repaid him by this honorable House as the said robbery was not owing to any neglect or mismanagement of him.

And he will pray &c.

[Endorsed]

Petition of Jno. Knibb, an inspector to be re-paid for tobacco stolen out of a warehouse.

20 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims. reasonable. £7.17. not reported.

[Enclosure]

Chesterfield s. c.

This day John Knibb, Inspector of Tobacco at Bermuda Hundred Warehouse, Came before me One of his Majesty's Justices of the said County and made Oath that the said Warehouse, was broke Open, when under Lock & Key, sometime in July in the year 1770 & that One Crop Hh'd of Tob'co belonging to John Ogilby of Amelia County was broke Open and 436 lb. of said Tob'co was stole out of said H'h'd for which said Tob'co the said Inspector paid 16|8 p Ct. for, and also the said Warehouse, was broken Open in September 1771 & about 400 lb. of Transfar Tob'co Stole out of said Warehouse, for which the said Inspector paid

21|1 p C't for, and the said Inspector applyed both Times to a Magistrate for a Search Warr't which was Granted him & William Womack a Consta'l of s'd County made Deligent search for said Tob'co but Could not find any, & the said Will'm Womack made Oath before me that he was Called on by the s'd Inspector both Times that the said Warehouse was broke Open which he saw was broke Open & the Tob'co Stole, the said Womack was a Tob'co Picker at the said Ware House. Certified under my Hand this 27th day of April 1774.

Jno. Archer.

1770.	436 lb. @ 16. 8.....	£3. 12. 8.
400	21. 1.....	4. 4. 4.

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[PETITION IN REGARD TO TOBACCO].

To the Honourable the Speaker and House of Burgesses.

The petition of Waller Lewis of the County of Spotsylvania. Humbly sheweth.

That your petitioner having made a Crop of Tob'o in the year 1770 consisting of five Hogsheads in the County of Albemarle and finding from the great Distance it lay from a Warehouse that it would be very inconvenient to him to convey it thither, applyed to Mr. Rich'd Harvie of the Town of Charlottesville Merch't, who kept a Waggon and Team for such purposes, & engaged him to carry down a part of the s'd Tob'o to the Warehouses at Richmond,—That your petitioner having dealings with the said Mr. Harvie, gave him a general Order to receive and make use of all the s'd Tob'o—That your petitioner living at a great Distance from the s'd Town of Charlottesville, and for a long Time being in too low a State of Health to ride so far, was not inform'd what was become of his Tob'o afores'd till many months after the Commissioners for that purpose had received the Claims of those who had lost Tob'o by the great Fresh in the Month of May 1771—That the first

Information your petitioner received was, that the last H'h'd of the s'd Tobacco was carried by the s'd Mr. Harvie's Waggon to Richmond and left at the Warehouses there, uninspected, but a few days before the said Fresh; but the same cannot since be found, so that it must have been carried off by the s'd Fresh.

Your petitioner therefore prays that this House will consider the premisses, and give him such Relief, as to them shall appear right and just. And your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

Waller Lewis.

[Endorsed]

Petition of Waller Lewis ref'd to Claims, May 17th, 1774.

Rejected, the Tob't allowed by the Com'rs & this Pet'n struck out of the Journals & not to be reported on.

[Enclosure]

Spotsylvania, s. ct.

This Day Waller Lewis came before me George Stubblefield Gen't one of his Majesty's Justice of the peace for the said County and made Oath. That he gave Mr. Richard Harvie Merch't an Order on the Inspectors at Richmond for his whole Crop of Tob'o carried there, consisting of the five within-mentioned Hogsheads, one of which it appears by the said Harvie's Acc't was carried down a short Time before the great May Fresh, for which the said Harvie has given him no Credit, neither has he received any Satisfaction for the same. Given under my Hand this 10th Day of May, 1774.

George Stubblefield.

[Enclosure]

Alb s. c.

This Day Richard Harvie came before me John Marks Gent, one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County & made Oath that he has Charged Mr. Waller Lewis with the Carriage of three H'h'ds of Tob'o, two Hh'ds on the twenty third of April 1771, & one H'h'd on the eight Day May 1771, on his Store Books, & on the twenty fourth



of June has Charged Mr. Waller Lewis with Cash paid James Woods, for the Carriage of two H'h'ds Tob'o & that he receiv'd but four H'h'ds Tob'o of Mr. Lewis's in that year.

Given under my Hand this 16th day of April 1774.

John Marks.

[Enclosure]

Alb. s. c.

This Day Hastings Marks came before me John Marks Gent. one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County, & made Oath that on the eight Day of May 1771, he saw one H'h'd of Tob'o the Property of Mr. Waller Lewis put into Richard Harvie & Co's Waggon with one H'h'd of David Meriwether's, to be sent to Richmond, that he has reason to believe the Tob'o was Delivered as the Waggon returned from Richmond the Seventeenth of the Month with a Load of Goods,

Given under my Hand this Sixteenth Day of April 1774.

John Marks.

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[TOBACCO LOST IN THE FRESHET OF 1771].

Falmouth Warehouse

	No.	Gross	Tare	Nett
October 1770 G S	233.	1007.	139.	868.

The above H'h'd Tobacco was inspected at our warehouse in Mr. George Slaughter's name, and carried of by the Fresh in May 1771. Certified under our hands this 21st day of April 1773.

Wm. Newton,  
Thos. Hord.

King George Sc't.

William Newton one of the Inspectors at Falmouth warehouse made Oath that the above H'h'd Tob'o G S No. 233. Nett 868 lb. was carried of by the Fresh in May 1771.

Given under my hand this 22d April 1773.

James Buchanan.

All'd at 18| p. C.

[Endorsed]

for Mr. R. Slaughter—to be allowed in the Book of Claim by instruction from the House May 17, 1774.

George Slaughter £7.16. Ent'd.

[TOBACCO STOLEN FROM ROCKY RIDGE WAREHOUSE]

To the honorable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses.

Walter Scott humbly sheweth.

That in the years 1763, 1764 & 1765, five hogsheads of Tobacco were stolen out of the Warehouses at the Rocky Ridge for w'ch the petitioner & James Martin (since deceased) who were Inspectors there paid the Sum of £50.13.7 & for w'ch they have never received any Satisfaction.

The petitioner therefore prays that as the said Loss was not occasioned by the neglect or mismanagement of the said Inspectors, there may be an Allowance made the petitioner & the Estate of the said James Martin for the said sum of money by this House.

And he will pray &c.

[Endorsed]

Petition of Walter Scott an inspector to be re-paid for tobacco stolen out of a warehouse.

20 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims, defer'd (for Merch'ts to come in).

[Enclosure]

An Account of five h'h's of Tobacco that was lost from the warehouse at R. Ridge in Chesterfield County to wit.

	1763.	No.	Neat w.	belonging to	d.	£
December 2nd.	538	1029	Francis Hopkins	@ 2.	8.	11. 6
1774 [1764]						
Feb. 17	1115	1085	Nicholas Wilkinson	@ 20	10.	17.
June 18	1792	996	Charles Hunt	@ 20	9.	19. 2
1765.						
Nov. 15	285	988	John Pimbleton	@ 20	9.	17. 7
Dec'r 20	870	1142	William Dudley	@ 20	11.	8. 4
						50. 13. 7.

Chesterfield County Ss.

This day Walter Scott made Oath before me One of his Majestys Justices of the peace for the said county that he was Inspector of Tobacco at Rockey Ridge Warehouse in the years Seventeen hundred and sixty three, sixty four and Sixty five when the five h'h'ds of Tobacco Above mentioned Ware Inspected and pass'd at the Said Warehouse and Ware afterwards, lost or Stolen from the Said Warehouse and that he the Said Scott With James Martin who was the other Inspector at that time paid for the afforsaid five h'h'ds of Tobacco the Sum of Fifty pounds thirteen Shillings & Seven pence for which Sum the Said Inspectors had not received any Satisfaction.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May 1774.

Bernard Markham.

[Enclosure]

Chesterfield county s c

This day Matthew Branch made Oath before me One of his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the County afforsaid that in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty nine he was an Acting Inspector of Tobacco at Rockey Ridge Ware house and that in that year there was lost from said Warehouse One hhd of Tobacco No. 880 Neat 1025—belonging to John Hopson that he had reason to believe the Same was Stolen and that he had made Deligent Search for the Same but could not Get it that he the Said Branch and Walter Scott the other Inspector paid to Edward Johnston Eleven pounds three Shillings & three pence  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the Said hhd of Tobacco for which no Satisfaction had Ever been made to them.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May, 1774.

Bernard Markham.

[Endorsed]

to be put with Nib and Scott's Pet's.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)